

Special Session

Agenda Item #	7
Meeting Date	7 May 2007
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Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Services for Neighborhood Traffic Study
Background	<p>Proposals for the development of a neighborhood traffic calming study were solicited in March. The studies are designed to address concerns raised by the community regarding a number of traffic related problems including, but not limited to, cut through traffic and speeding in selected residential neighborhoods. The planned studies are budgeted for FY07 and must be completed by the end of the fiscal year.</p> <p>Four proposals were received, with two firms interviewed by a panel consisting of Housing and Community Development Department staff and a representative of the Safe Roadways Committee. The panel has recommended the award of the contract to Wallace, Montgomery & Associates, LLP in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. At a minimum, three neighborhoods (Between the Creeks, New Hampshire Gardens, and Pinecrest) will be included in the study.</p>
Policy	<p><u>Takoma Park Master Plan Adopted December 2000</u></p> <p>Protect residential neighborhoods from commercial and through traffic. To discourage through traffic from using local streets, the City of Takoma Park seeks to reduce operating speeds by installing speed humps, ovals, all way stop signs and other impediments. The City also encourages walking, biking, transit use, telecommuting and flexible work schedules.</p> <p>Where very few cars use a street, and sidewalks are not desired by residents, a mixed street can be designated. Traffic calming measures should be considered along both selected Major Neighborhood Routes and other local neighborhood streets.</p>
Fiscal Impact	The FY07 budget includes funding in the amount of \$25,000
Attachments	Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Services for Neighborhood Traffic Study
Recommendation	To approve the proposed ordinance authorizing the execution of a contract for services with Wallace, Montgomery & Associates, LLP

Introduced by:

Ordinance # 2007 –

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES
FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY**

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified a need for traffic calming in residential neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, at the direction of the Council, staff issued a notice calling for requests for traffic calming studies; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with City procurement procedures, staff solicited proposals for traffic calming studies for four neighborhoods and four proposals were received; and,

WHEREAS, the City has budgeted funds in the amount of \$25,000 for neighborhood traffic calming studies in FY07.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:**

1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Wallace Montgomery & Associates, LLP for engineering consultant services for neighborhood traffic studies in an amount not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000).
2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

**Adopted by the Council of the City of Takoma Park this _____ day of _____, 2007, by
roll-call vote as follows:**

Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain: